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Applicant: HERSHEY, ET AL. ) Art Unit: 2621  
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Sir:

The following Amendment and Remarks are submitted in response to the Final Office Action dated July 9, 2004. Please amend the above-identified application as follows. Applicant has requested a one-month extension of time to and including October 12, 2004, to file a response to the Final Office Action dated June 9, 2003, which carried an original response date of September 9, 2004. Applicant believes the amendments provided herein place the claims in condition for allowance.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.